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Official Minutes of Southern Division.

FEBRUARY.

The regular monthly meeting was held Feb. 27 at the residence of Frank S. Daggett at Pasadena. Ten members were present, with Dr. F. Grinnell as a visitor. The president announced the following persons as members of the Bird Protection Committee from this Division: C. A. Moody, Dr. Garrett Newkirk, Roth Reynolds, Geo. S. Chambliss, Dr. G. V. Coffin, Miss Mollie Bryan, Mrs. J. E. Pleasants, Mrs. A. C. Wilson, Evan Davis, Edw. Simmons, J. Eugene Law, B. W. Hahn, H. J. Leland, Lee Chambers and A. M. Ingersoll.

The name of W. Scott Way of Cucamonga, Cal. was proposed for active membership. On motion the president was authorized to voice the sentiments of the meeting with respect to improving the present cover of THE CONDOR, and to communicate with the Northern Division in this regard. A paper entitled "Two Amusing Incidents" was read by A. I. McCormick. After discussion the meeting adjourned.

MARCH.

The regular meeting was held March 30 at the residence of B. W. Hahn in Pasadena, President Daggett presiding and nine members present. Miss Moody was present as a visitor. W. Scott Way of Cucamonga was elected to active membership in the Club. The names of A. M. Jamison of Santa Monica and Dr. J. H. McBride of Pasadena were proposed for membership. A communication from the Northern Division relative to contemplated incorporation of the Club was discussed and Messrs. Hahn, Moody, Conant, Daggett and McCormick were appointed a committee to represent the Southern Division.

Geo. S. Chambliss of Altadena, through Mr. Daggett, tendered the Division the use of a number of valuable works on ornithology provided a proper custodian be appointed. Upon motion the offer was accepted and the thanks of the Division ordered extended Mr. Chambliss, together with the request that he select a permanent custodian to carry out his wishes. Mrs. C. A. Moody read a very interesting paper entitled 'Bird Notes', being observations of bird-life gleaned about her home in Los Angeles. Two papers from the Northern Division were read, and after a repast, the meeting adjourned.

A. I. MCCORMICK, Secretary pro tem.

APRIL.

The April meeting was held at the residence of F. S. Daggett, Pasadena. President Daggett called the meeting to order with seven members present. Mr. J. E. Pleasants and Fordyce Grinnell were present as guests.

In absence of the Secretary, H. S. Swarth acted as Secretary pro tem. A. M. Jamison of Santa Monica and Dr. J. H. McBride of Pasadena were elected to active membership, and the names of Henry Gray, Rialto, Cal., Nelson

Carpenter, Escondido, Cal., R. C. Wueste, 5th and Brook street, San Diego, Cal. and A. Stert, 578 N. Marengo Ave., Pasadena were proposed by Mr. Daggett, to be acted upon at the next meeting.

Mr. Daggett exhibited skins of Barlow's Chickadee and the Point Pinos Junco, and interesting discussion followed. After partaking of light refreshments the meeting adjourned, to meet next month at the residence of Burnell Franklin, South Pasadena.

H. S. SWARTH, Secretary pro tem.



NEWS NOTES.

Wm. W. Price, M. A. has issued the usual neat prospectus of his summer camp, which will be situated at Glen Alpine Springs in the Sierra Nevadas from June 15 to September 15. This method of studying zoology is the most delightful imaginable and members of the Cooper Club who have the summer months at their disposal, cannot employ their time to better advantage, nor more pleasantly, than by joining Mr. Price's summer camp.

We are pleased to note the growth of the Nebraska Ornithologists' Union, which held its second annual meeting in Omaha on Jan. 12. The programme shows 22 titles, embracing many varied and interesting ornithological topics. These papers will appear shortly in the 100-page "Proceedings" of the Union and should prove valuable and interesting to the public. The Union now has 64 active and 33 associate members, and is another example of the ability and utility of state ornithological clubs.

American Ornithology, which began publication in January last under the supervision of the well-known dealer, Chas. K. Reed, shows a steady improvement, the April and May issues being examples of fine typographical art and of a publication announced as being devoted to "the home and school." Mr. Reed has seemingly created a field of his own and is filling it in a most interesting and praiseworthy manner. The plates are in every way of unusual merit, and the magazine should be accorded the support it deserves. Worcester, Mass. 50 cents a year.

The severe winter in the mountains of California has afforded many records of the Western Evening Grosbeak (*Coccothraustes v. montanus*) for various parts of California. It has thus far been recorded for the winter from Santa Clara, San Geronimo, Napa, Los Angeles, Palo Alto, Stockton, Haywards, Pescadero and Santa Rosa and has doubtless been distributed quite freely over the State. The Band-tailed Pigeon (*Columba fasciata*) has also been abundant in the valleys Santa Cruz and Santa Clara Counties, having been driven from the Coast Range mountains temporarily by erratic snow-storms.